

## COMBINATION TO RAISE THE PRICE OF BINDER TWINE OVER 300 PER CENT

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The government has instituted a suit against the Pan-American Commission corporation of New Orleans in an effort to reduce the price of binder twine, which has been advanced by artificial means over 300 per cent in three years.

The government charges that Wexler and Dinkens, then "the respective presidents of two of the largest financial institutions in New Orleans," were to furnish a continuous \$10,000,000 credit to the commission for five years and also were to organize a corporation within 20 days to carry out their part of the agreement.

A commission of five per cent upon total gross proceeds of sisal sales were to be paid the corporation for its services. Then, on February 16, 1916, it is charged, the corporation's commission was fixed under a separate agreement at \$1.25 on each bale of sisal.

"The arbitrary payment thus fixed," reads the government's complaint, "was intended to secure to the corporation to be organized by Wexler and Dinkens, a large part of the profits to arise from the unlawful combination, conspiracy or agreement."

Meantime in Yucatan the commission reguladora entered into contracts with practically all sisal producers in Mexico, declares the bill, formally binding the producers to deliver their output to the commission for five years, the commission to pay in advance about four cents a pound and at the end of each year to distribute profits among the producers. The government goes on to say that Wexler and Dinkens caused the Pan-American Commission corporation to be incorporated under the laws of New York, December 8, 1915, with an authorized capital stock of \$2,000,000. The entire \$1,000,000 of common stock, it is charged, was issued to Wexler and Dinkens for their services and the \$1,000,000 of preferred stock sold at par for cash, which was turned into the treasury. Half of the common stock, the complaint continues, was given by Wexler and

Dinkens as a bonus to purchasers of preferred and the other half was retained by them.

The alleged upward climb of prices which followed the combination is detailed by the government as follows: November, 1915, 5 1/2 cents per pound; May 22, 1916, 7 1/2 cents (notwithstanding the quantity of sisal imported for the year ending June 30, 1916, was greatly in excess of the importation in any previous year); July 11, 1916, 10 cents; December 23, 1916, 14 1/2 cents; January 25, 1917, 16 1/2 cents.

## SHIP CARLOAD OF HIGHGRADE SILVER

F. O. Gilbert and associates are getting out a carload of high grade silver ore that will net them around \$150 a ton, without much sorting, either. Mr. Gilbert, who is the son of the first assayer in Tonopah and who came to this camp in 1901, is interested in a lease on the Cary silver mine, eighteen miles west of Millers and twelve miles south of Crow Springs in the Monte Cristo mountains. His partners are A. B. Cook, J. B. Bell and Logan Gilbert. Work was started August 20 and has continued steadily ever since, until now the boys are convinced they have the makings of a real mine. The Cary was located by J. B. Gilbert, father of F. O. Gilbert, back in 1897. The ore is breaking down at \$150 per ton for a width of two feet and the remainder does not have to be picked over much to bring it up to standard. In running a crosscut on the footwall through a formation similar to the Tonopah blue andesite for a distance of 20 feet the ore for 16 feet ran at the rate of \$40 per ton in silver, copper and lead. While this would be high grade anywhere else, it is not rich enough to overcome the handicap of distance and the lessees hope some day to interest capital to the extent of furnishing funds to

install a concentrator, as the values are good concentrating stuff, carrying silver, copper and lead. The contract for hauling the ore from the mine to the siding at Millers will be given to one of the Tonopah auto trucking companies.

## CURIOUS COURTSHIP.

Chinese Girls Allowed No Choice in Picking a Husband.

As soon as the Chinese lady is old enough to be married her father chooses a husband for her. She is never allowed to see him herself. Her father carries on all the courtship for her. The poor Chinaman does not see his girl until the day of the wedding. He does not know whether she is pretty or whether she has a temper.

On the great day the bride is dressed in very gay clothes and placed in a sedan chair, and she is carried toward her husband. A crowd of people go with her, carrying torches which are lighted even if it be a noon wedding.

A band of drums and flutes precedes the chair, and, no matter how hard the bride tried to get away, she could not, as the chair is locked, and an old servant carries the key. The key is then given to the bridegroom, and he is the only one privileged to open it.

When he opens the doors of the sedan chair he lifts the veil the little Chinese lady wears over her face, and if he does not like the face of his future bride he orders the servants to take her back to her father's roof, and he pays the girl a sum of money to make up for the loss of his companionship. But if he thinks he is going to like the little lady he asks her to come in, and the chair is sent back empty. Then there is a grand feast, and the Chinaman is married.

Queer, isn't it? Aren't you glad you live in America and are free to wed whom you love?—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

## Doubts Heredity.

"Do you believe in heredity?"  
"No."  
"Why not?"  
"Look at the cheap skates that had great ancestors."—Detroit Free Press.

## Too Long.

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Ethel—Too long! He hasn't got a cent left.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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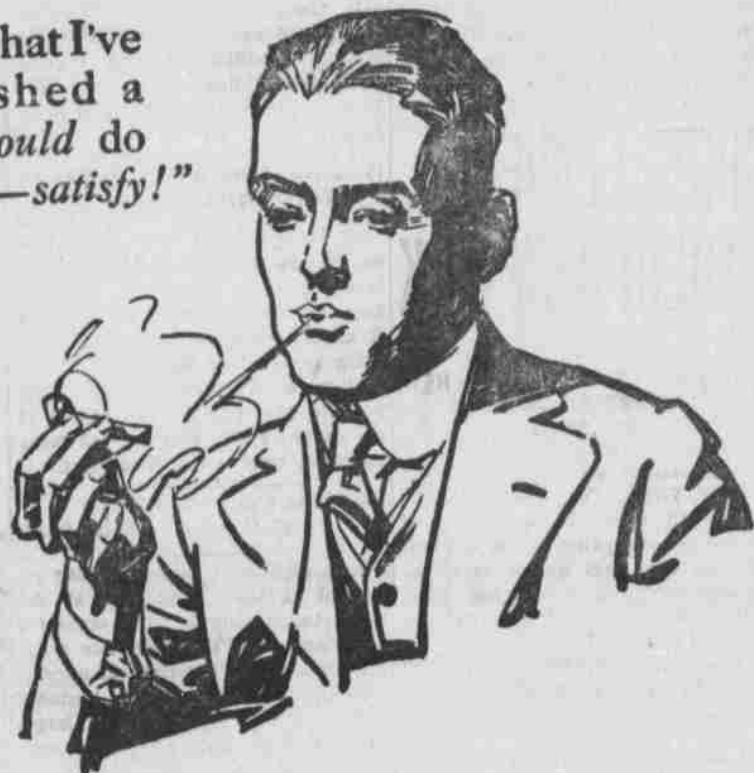
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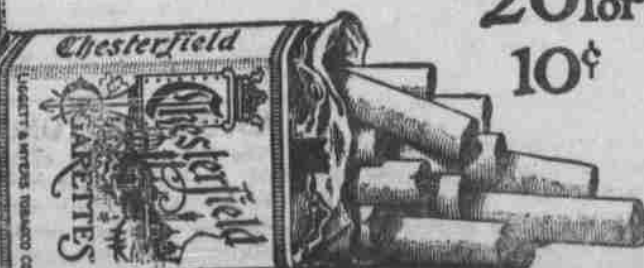
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